

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Janice Nickel **Docket No.:** 10991744-4
Serial No. : Not Assigned **Group Art Unit:** Not Assigned
Filed: Not Assigned **Examiner:** Not Assigned

Title: MRAM Device Including Spin Dependent Tunneling Junction Memory Cells
{As Amended herein}

A Divisional of: Janice Nickel **Docket No.:** 10991744-1
Serial No. : 09/514,934 **Group Art Unit:** 2823
Filed: 02/08/2000 **Examiner:** Neal Berezny

Title: Method of Fabricating an MRAM Device Including Spin Dependent
Tunneling Junction Memory Cells

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.115

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Please consider this Divisional Application in light of the following preliminary amendments and remarks.

Please amend the above application as follows:

IN THE TITLE OF THE INVENTION

Please amend the Title of the Invention as indicated below:

~~Method of Fabricating an~~ MRAM Device Including Spin Dependent Tunneling Junction Memory Cells

IN THE CLAIMS

Please **Cancel Claims 1 - 11** without prejudice or disclaimer.

REMARKS

Claims 12 through 20 are pending in this Divisional Application. Claims 1 through 11 were canceled on the filing of this Divisional Application because they were elected without traverse for prosecution on the merits in response to a Restriction Requirement in the Parent Application, **Serial No.:** 09/514,934, HP Docket Number 10991744-1, mailed on **13 September 2001**. Claims 1 through 11 (Group I) were elected for examination on the merits and non-elected Claims 12 through 20 (Group II) were withdrawn from consideration.

Applicant has amended the Title of the Invention to accurately reflect the subject matter of the divisional application as being drawn to an apparatus instead of a method. Therefore, the Title of the Invention as amended herein is: **“MRAM Device Including Spin Dependent Tunneling Junction Memory Cells”**

Accordingly, Claims 12 through 20 are submitted herewith for examination on the merits in this Divisional Application.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, the Applicant considers each of the claims presently in the application to be distinct over the prior art of record and therefore in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests that the claims be allowed and the issuance of a Notice of Allowance such that the present application may timely issue as a U.S. patent.

Respectfully submitted,

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